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SELF EMPLOYMENT TO POOR YOUTH
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal of the Government to provide self employment to ten lakh youth belonging to the poorest of the poor families;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of youth likely to be benefited in each State of the country;

(c) the State-wise total expenditure likely to be incurred on the said programme and the time limit fixed for its implementation; and

(d) the name of the implementing agency of the said programme and the resource of providing funds for the same?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT(SHRI A. NARENDRA)

(a) to (d): The Ministry of Rural Development had set up an Inter-Ministerial Group (IMG) to formulate a Sub-Scheme under Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) for skill development of rural youth. Based on the recommendations of the IGM, the Ministry of Rural Development decided to launch a pilot programme for skill development under SGSY for the unemployed youth belonging to the families below the poverty line (BPL) in rural areas. In pilot phase (2005-2007), it is proposed to cover at least 1000-2000 rural youth per year in 100 selected districts. These pilot projects would be funded as Special Projects under SGSY. The maximum permissible duration for the implementation of a skill development project should not exceed 15 months. The Ministry has so far sanctioned two Special Projects in the financial year 2004-05 to provide skill development to rural youth belonging to below poverty line families. These projects aim to provide demand-based skill development to poor rural youth so as to increase their employability leading to their sustainable employment. The details are as follows:

(i) Special Project under Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) based on Livelihood Advancement Business School (LABS) model of Dr. Reddy`s Foundation (DRF): This project was sanctioned with a total cost of Rs. 14 crore which is to be shared between Centre and Dr. Reddy`s Foundation (DRF) in the ratio of 75:25.The objective of the project is to identify and make available the potential livelihood options for 35,000 below poverty line (BPL) youth in the age group of 18 −35 years and train them in skills according to the market requirements. The project will be implemented in 7 States namely, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Bihar and Jharkhand covering 5000 below poverty line (BPL) youth in each State.

(ii) Special Project titled `Towards a Sustainable Employment Led Growth: Skill Training of Rural Poor through NGOs` by CAPART: This project was sanctioned with a total cost of Rs. 1201.21 lakh, which will be fully funded by the Ministry of Rural Development. The objective of the project is to develop skills among unemployed rural poor to enable them to take up productive self-employment as well as organized employment based on market demand and local resources. Need and opportunity based skill-building programmes would be organized through large-scale participation of NGOs. Project period is 15 months. The project would be implemented in 22 States covering 50 districts. CAPART with the support of the Institute of Applied Manpower Research (IAMR) and NGOs would implement the project. A total of one-lakh beneficiaries are proposed to be covered under the project.